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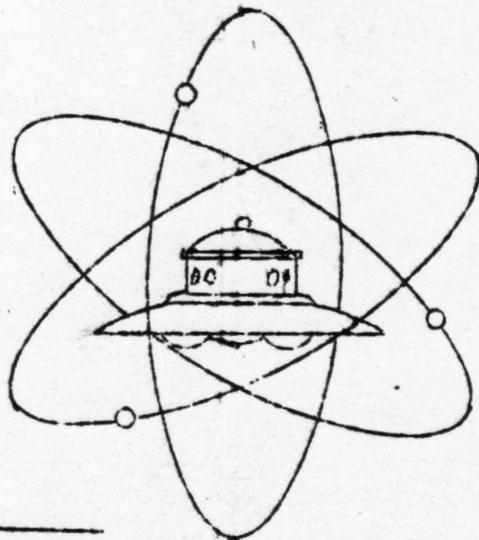
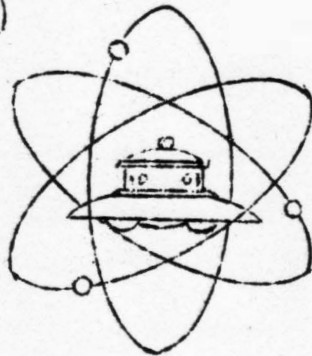


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#### WITCHES ? PROPHETS? SEERS ? OR SAUCERS.?

This subject, which will not be of great interest to the so-called men of science whose hierarchy, except for a few, refuses to accept the evidence of psychic phenomena as being possible and logical, is at least worthy of our consideration in our attempts to unravel the mysteries which surround the present visitation from outer space, of these vehicles known as "saucers".

Even to-day the very mention of witchcraft is to see the eye-brow raised with suspicion and the barriers of taboo set up, even as it has been through the ages, when far more so, it called down the anathema of the religious leaders in dogmatic persecution for any to even suggest such possibilities of such ability, and the much-quoted Bible authority "Thou shalt put a witch to death" was used as often in a just cause as in one of flagrant intolerance.

We would not dare to question the wisdom of that great servant of God, Moses, who gave this law and whose system of jurisprudence still pervades our social system to-day in many ways, but as one studies the history of the past, and sees the great injustices done and its causes, we are compelled to analyse the whole thing realising that much of it has been due to misconceptions and prejudices, fear and ignorance, and due to a lack of willingness to differentiate from the work and source of a witch's power, and that of a prophet; for we cannot but admit that whilst the practice of witchcraft was strongly forbidden in the Mosaic Law and way of life, yet the ability to prophesy "in the name of the Lord" was an integral part of that Nation's life, and in fact a Major portion of Holy Writ is nothing more or less than such utterances of men and women, who foretold matters not only for their own day and time, but most meticulously even hundreds and more years later.

It is therefore apparent that somewhere along the line there is a great distinction which too often had been overlooked, and if only a line of demarcation could be arrived at, many innocent lives may have lived to do a greater work of instruction and guidance.

I am very well aware that many clergy will rise up in ire and quote the Paulian statement that "prophecies shall cease", but I am also aware that he also said "miracles shall cease", and in the present day in which we live too many honest men have had to admit that many miracles have and are being performed in the name of Christ, which leads to suggest that likewise the other "Gifts of the Spirit" could likewise be in operation.

If then we find the line of demarcation, and apply the test, we surely will discover what utterances can be accepted, and those which are unreliable, and

to the honest seeker such wisdom is not lacking, for just as Light separates Darkness, and Good divides Evil, or the forces of Positiveness are in contrast to the Negative, so there is a great gulf between Witchcraft and Prophecy.

Any earnest student who has sought to discover the Truth will not find much difficulty in assessing those who are in alignment with the "powers of darkness" and those who owe their allegiance to the Source of all Light and Truth, and whilst it cannot be denied that both can work strange and wonderful things, yet there always remains a barrier between which divides these two forces, for, "by their fruits ye shall know them" is still very sure to-day, and it is not difficult to see the trail of confusion, and spiritual and moral degeneration which follow in the trail of those who serve the Negative army, just as it is quite as easy to perceive the road of clarity, or conception, enlightenment, and regeneration of life and mind, indicate themselves in those who are in attunement with God and His will.

In such a small thesis as this it is impossible to lay down a complete set of rules for guidance to determine such difference which exist and how to denote them. But One at least can be strongly stressed which has been found and proved infallible by scores, and it is this; that all those who are under the control of the forces of Light, will always readily acknowledge the Power of the Godhead and the authority of the CHRISTUS, as the Leader and Commander of the Hosts of God.

Another good test is to observe the practices used by such who claim to be used by spiritual powers, in that those who "conjure UP spirits of the dead" as was in the case of the Witch of Endor, using all means of darkness and mumbo jumbo, are clearly not of the forces of Light; whilst those who are being Divinely led and empowered need no such theatricals to do their work, for the forces of Light do not need any mumbo jumbo to "call them up", rather their presence is made manifest by themselves, simply by a practice of quiet meditation and praise to the All Highest for His benefits, for they who dwell in the Light, Love the Light, and are ever at our side, and such meditation and Praise will draw the Spirit of God near, and the inward spirit will glow and vibrate to the pulse of the presence, and waters of life and knowledge shall flow out of our being and our speech will take on the tongue of the Spirit.

Now what has all this to do with Saucers and the study of them, many will ask, simply this; that to-day in this work of research we are receiving many messages from all types of people, some who claim to be in contact with the space brethren by mediumship, etc. and it is not long before one finds themselves very confused by the great variety of such messages and the very apparent contradictory statements made therein, so that it means we either are forced to throw them all aside as rubbish or recourse to the more sane attitude of sifting the wheat from the chaff, for to the leaders many of these messages have been found very accurate and in honesty we have had to admit such, and in applying the acid test laid down above, we have found that those who do strongly adhere to those principles, have been found to be very reliable, and have all the indications of being Divinely and spiritually led, but those who spread confusing statements nearly in every case are of the dark room mumbo jumbo class.

Further, among the honest and earnest students who seek the answer to some of the puzzling facets of saucer research, are those who claim, and some very logically, that our visitors from space ARE spiritual entities, or Etherians, and that as such messages have been received from them.

So that until these questions of the "form" of these beings is clearly solved, and the possibility of them being such spiritual entities still exists, then we must honestly seek to know which side they are on, and what is the driving force

acid test which is reliable.

It is more than essential, in view of the fact that many religious leaders, some of note, have taken the view that ALL the saucers are manifestations of the Devil, Powers of Darkness, and other such negative origins, and have vehemently WARNED their flocks and followers against any association with such, or societies like our own.

It is true that they give very little evidence to back up their statements to prove their assertions, at the best being a few scattered phrases from Holy Writ, hot patched together as an argument, and totally ignoring the many more references in such, which give very strong and valuable evidence and allusions to the space visitants, many of which were closely allied to outstanding incidents of the records contained therein.

One cannot be amazed that such servants of the Great One should show such lack of confidence in the leader they profess to follow, as a guide and Protector, who bids them "seek and Ye shall find", and further promises that He will "lead them into all Truth" for whilst they are forbidden to "practice" the association with spirits of Darkness, they are enjoined by Peter to "Try the Spirits". In other words by their unwillingness to search for Truth, they make an admission of Fear to do so, and of the very powers which they should have the spiritual gifts to control and subjugate, and such fear is an insult to their Master, for their lack of confidence shows that they do not rely on Him for Guidance and protection from All such evil forces.

How can they oppose evil powers, or claim to determine the origin of such, if they begin with a subconscious fear of them, KNOW YOUR ENEMY and you win half the battle, in this we can at least learn a lesson from their failings, and that is that fear of evil will never help us know how to overcome it or understand it.

It is therefore possible that in our day, such enlightenment is being given to men as in the past, who KNOW their God and are not afraid of evil, and who can discern such evil in contrast to that of Good, and that truly there are prophets among us, so it would be unwise indeed to cast aside such guidance sent to assist us in the days ahead, which not only by their forecast, but by our own intelligent assessment of contemporary history, and confirmed by the Holy Writ, as well as many great leaders of our day, indicate to us that such days ahead are not likely to be very rosy, and more than ever indicate that mere human reason and logic, scientific or otherwise, will not be sufficient to guide us through safely, but that a "spiritual insight" will be necessary to achieve the preservation of the human race.

We cannot deny that even the best brains of the world's leadership, be they of any class, cannot give a clear and assuring hopeful picture with authority, of what lies ahead, but in the main most of any such promises of a rosy future, are but wishful thinking, when considered in the light of the present ill use of the Nuclear Fission powers for war purposes, and can carry hardly any convincing assurance, and that the only ones with any semblance of hopeful foundation are those whose forecasts are based in Faith in Spiritual Powers and who basically derive such from the Volume of the Sacred Law, and therefore are motivated by a spiritual insight, and it is not surprising then, that from the "heavenly" regions there are those sent to inspire, and whose avowed mission is to aid us, and who shall give us the inspiration to lead us through the Vale of the Shadow of Atomic Death which lies ahead, and its devastating reactions on this earth.

Witches we do not need with their mumbo jumbo of confusion, but Prophets whose source of inspiration is from the Divine we urgently require, and as in all ages

of history before, men were not lacking to be so divinely used, so to-day we must look for such as are being raised up for the emergencies with a divine message and calling for "Such a Time as This", and it appears that from among many saucer students such reliable witnesses are arising. THE EDITOR.

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ALL OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS MAGAZINE ARE THE PERSONAL VIEWPOINT OF THE WRITER AND NOT NECESSARILY THAT OF THE SOCIETY.

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#### ATOMIC FLASH SEEN 600 MILES AWAY.

(From "Advertiser", 23rd Nov. '56.) Reports of a brilliant flash in the western sky at the time of the Maralinga atomic explosion shortly after midnight yesterday were received from various S.A. towns yesterday.

The flash from the blast, which was reported in late editions of the "Advertiser" yesterday, was seen as far away as Tailan Bend, more than 600 miles from Maralinga.

A resident of Kingoonya, 230 miles away said last night that she had seen a "brilliant deep orange flash with pale pink edges", which lit up the horizon for about a minute just after midnight.

She described the flash as an unforgettable sight followed by a deep rumbling sound about 20 minutes later.

A flash resembling "very bright sheet lightning" was seen at Port Augusta, but no sound was heard.

#### "SMALL SUNSET"

At Kimba, nearly 400 miles from the blast two bus passengers reported having seen a "bright orange flash, about the size of a small sunset".

Miss A. Holt, of Montacute, said she had heard four reports, like distant thunder, within a few minutes of each other shortly after midnight.

Two fishermen near Moonta, about 480 miles from Maralinga, reported having seen a vivid orange flash in the sky at 12.10 a.m.

Other reports of observations of a bright flash came from Blinman, 485 miles from Maralinga, and Oodnadatta.

Britain's chief atomic scientist, Sir William Penney, who has been in charge of the atomic test series is expected to leave Adelaide tomorrow for talks with Australian officials in Canberra before returning to the U.K.

All British scientists and technicians are expected to leave Maralinga, within a few weeks, after which the test range will be staffed by Australians.

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#### CITY "BLUE RAIN"

"Blue" rain fell in Adelaide last Wednesday night (24th Oct.), deepening the mystery reported from Yardea Station in the Far North at the weekend.

A specimen of the phenomenon was brought in to The News today by Mr. J.P. J. McInerney, of St. Morris.

The water, with a slight tint of blue clearly distinguishing it from clear rainwater, was caught in a bowl which Mr. McInerney put out at home to collect water for his car battery. "I didn't notice the colour until I put another bowl out on Sunday night and caught some more rainwater", he said.

## "THE ESSENTIAL SPIRIT"

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO ALL OUR READERS AND MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY.

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In these seasonal activities, we are constantly being reminded on all sides by the Spirit of Christmas and its great message, with the picture of the Virgin and Child portraying domestic bliss, and the angelic message of Peace on Earth, Good will to men, and as one views world affairs and the current trend to International misunderstanding, one is appalled at the wide separation of these ideals and its actual practical application in the world today.

But when analysed in its basic cause, the whole spirit of the world is but a manifestation of a cause, which can be laid not to the national heads, but coming down the ladder, from nations to governments, from them to communities, from thence to the home life, and there in the heart of it all the personal individual, all in every form of society are but expressing this lack of cohesive unity, and it is very true that as our homes are, so is the nation, or more aptly, the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, for if we could put our home life right, we are on the road to starting the ball rolling to putting the nation right.

But lest we should appear smug and superior, or self righteous, we should, before condemning others, try and see how such attitudes affect us; and what lessons can be learned from their failures and our own, so that as a society of workers, who now have reached the group or family stage we can try and put into effect these principles in our efforts to work together and teach the world the message which we feel we have to give.

Among us, we have gathered together, wide varieties of class, and opinions, from the spiritually minded folk, to the plain materialist, the highly intellectual, to the man in the street, all of us seeking the answer to a riddle new and intriguing, each approaching it from his own sphere of thought and in many cases widely separated in the desire to find an answer.

It is not unlikely then, that many find themselves coming up against fellow-workers and seekers, who, at times, they feel at variance with, and who see, to "rub" up against us in their attitudes, this is most marked in the material seeker and the spiritual, as well as in many other phases, but it is not impossible however to find a ground for unity and amiable relationship one with the other, and to so express the essential spirit of Goodwill among men or ourselves at least.

Possibly one of the best rules of conduct is so beautifully expressed by St. Augustine, which if earnestly sought to be carried out will help us greatly to achieve this unity among ourselves, as well as display to others an example, and more than all, keep us achieve greater results in our work for he who carries the following injunctions out, cannot but bring success and happiness to his own life, but likewise spread his influence and the whole of the order of society which surrounds him, both directly, and indirectly.

Let us ponder these words of this man.

"IN ALL THINGS ESSENTIAL, UNITY"

"IN ALL THINGS INESSENTIAL, LIBERTY

"IN ALL THINGS CHARITY LOVE

What better rule for living could be than this and one that so clearly expresses the essential spirit needed today, of Unity and Tolerance. We are fortunate that so far as a society we have very little need to rectify any form of discord, but as we are growing and larger numbers join our ranks, it is very possible that the wide variance



of opinion and purpose, may lead to discords being heard in our harmony, so that it is hoped that perhaps these few words may register and be a guiding principle for any such days ahead, for if we prepare ourselves mentally for such we shall be armed against it and such will have little effect. This also applies, not only in the sense of the Society in Australia but all over the world to the many groups and societies to whom we are alike related as each contributing their part for if we endeavour to apply the above rule of conduct among ourselves, widely separated though we may be in our views and opinions, we shall not fail to present to the world an example of unity and concord which must bring success to ourselves and all we directly or indirectly influence around us.

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### WAS IT A METEOR?

In the Victorian and South Australian papers there was reported on Sept. 5th an incident which caused great comment from many quarters, and although officially stated as a meteor, many factors of the case seem to indicate that it could have well been something else, even if not a saucer.

The Melbourne "Age" stated that it was observed by a met. observer beginning at 8.19. after 35 seconds it broke into two "tails" and was seen from many parts of the city. Another observer says it was 2,000 feet up. A Capt. of a T.A.A. Viscount saw them and said they were emitting white streaks like jet exhausts. Official R.A.A.F. SAID there were no aircraft in the vicinity.

A Committee man of our staff saw it, and thought it was a meteor but only caught it in its final burst whilst another of our observers in Melbourne says in a letter sent to the "Age" but not published that the object could not have been a meteor for the following reasons.

1. The estimated speed of 1,170 m.p.h. was at least 30 times too slow for the slowest meteor, and is slower than our fastest jet planes. For reference he quoted "International Illustrated Encyclopæda" as his authority.
2. A speed of such would be insufficient to produce the incandescent glow described by witnesses, and further certain editions of the "Sun" reported that the object was seen to change direction from East to South.

To follow up this account we were not surprised to read that in the "Auckland Star" of N.Z. on the same day there was a report of a similar observation made by a man on the same night and he also called it a meteor. Harold Fulton reports this case in his Sept. issue of his "Flying Saucers" and quotes an ast. marine supt. for N.Z. shipping Co. as saying "it was not a meteor" and adds "It appeared as a cluster of bluish lights moving swiftly and silently in level flight from Rangitoto to Milford after about five seconds, it vanished."

"I have had 20 years at sea and have seen meteors and comets and planes rising and setting in all conditions. This was definately an aircraft of some description."

Further contacts with this man by H.Q. established many more facts, in that the object had passed from West going North West, time about 6.45 N.Z. time.

So that we have an object travelling in the direction toward Aust. and a similar object sighted over this country at the Southern States, travelling from the East to the South.

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HISTORIC SIGHTING. EARLIEST ON RECORD IN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT ON U.F.C. BY MR. FELIX JONES. 29 King St. Prospect...S.A.

Received. Monday.15th October, 1956.

This object was sighted many years ago in the Spring of 1921.

Mr. Jones was a schoolboy at the time, but the memory of it has always remained with him, it being so fixed in his mind as unusual.

The Object was as far as he could estimate about 800 feet up but it could have been more. It was circular, like a saucer.

Its size was about 12 to 18 feet across and 3 ft. deep, but if the height was greater than he estimated then it could have easily been larger he says.

COLOUR. Was of lightish but reflecting green from within it.

It had no wings or propellers, but had windows, which he says were not the shape of portholes but rectangular.

TIME was evening.

Direction. was in the N.N. W.

It was stationary for about three minutes, then moved off direct West, slowly at first, then very quickly shot away, faster than he could imagine.

This was sighted from the Prospect terminus.

When it moved off it glowed at the back.

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EVALUATION.

This case being too far back to make any other check or assessment is most unusual in that it is the first case on record, in the whole of Australia of a sighting. In fact aircraft was only then in infancy. Mr. Jones is adamant that it was not any aircraft; the speed confirms this also, and the design, and the exhaust as it left.

He had never been able to explain it until he read of the saucers and then he realised that it was just such a craft he had seen.

I can vouch for the integrity of the witness and state emphatically that he is a man of the highest intelligence and character, and in no way is the case a hoax, in fact the evidence came about in a most unusual way, and therefore could not have any indications of any attempt at misleading the society.- F.P. STONE.

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THE BRIDEY MURPHEY CASE.

As we expected, this case is one which from the start had all the indications of an unintentional hoax, for to quote from Moseley's "Saucer News".

"A Chicago Minister and newspaper man have learned the truth of this interesting case, whose subject was supposed, under hypnosis, to go back into a preincarnation period.

Her real name is Mrs. Virginia Tighe, and she was an old resident of Chicago, where as a child she came under the strong influence of a woman named Bridey Murphey, who left deep impressions on her mind. (to next page)



AN INTERESTING FIREBALL  
EXPERIENCE.

Owing to the many stories of fireball incidents, and which in some cases seem to have a close association to the saucer mystery, and having related the following incident to a few members, it was suggested I should give it space in this journal. I am giving the details of it as it occurred many years ago, about the years 1936 or '37.

There was a huge storm raging over a wide area, of our city and suburbs, thunder and lightning and many other storm effects being experienced. To keep out the wind and rain my wife had closed all the windows and we were asleep when it occurred in the early hours of the morning. We were awakened by the children screaming in the bed room opposite us, and both sat up in bed and cried out "what is the matter".

I was about to jump out of bed when the fireball, which we found out later had entered the children's room presumably down a chimney, came bouncing in mid-air into our room and danced around the room about six or seven feet from the floor, over our heads and around, all the time emitting sparks of bluish colour like electric charged intermingling occasionally with red and yellow, and hissing.

Its size was about the size of a basket ball, approximately 10 inches in diameter. It continued its career for about two minutes and then shot suddenly through the curtained window, which as I stated before, was shut, and a short period after, we heard a loud report out in the street.

I must say here that neither the curtain nor the window was affected in any way..neither singe nor crack..nor any indication of anything having been near it.

This happened many years before I had ever heard of saucers and therefore no association of such can be assessed. It was seen by myself, my wife and my three eldest children, and is still often talked about in our home, as none of us have ever been able to forget it or explain it in any way.

In relating this I am not making any claim that it was something to do with saucers, but merely give it as an interesting phenomenon which many may be interested to hear and discuss its strange possibilities, for it must be remembered that even today our best scientists cannot give a complete explanation of what these weird and strange phenomena are; one thing is certain, they are electrically charged, possibly ionised air, but the complete story is yet to be told of what they are and where they come from and the reason. It is in the hope that this interesting incident, yet very disturbing and nerve-racking to us at the time, may be of help to all those so interested in making any analysis or explanation; comments and views will be very welcome in this magazine - please write us if you have any.

- THE EDITOR

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CONTINUING: THE BRIDEY MURPHEY CASE.

Under the hypnotic influence the subconscious mind confused events of her own life with that of the real Bridget Murphey.

Case closed - enough said.  
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The Committee Members of the N.S.W. Branch, A.F.S.R.S., have resigned, and its members have formed an independent group, to be known as the "U.F.O. Investigation Centre". Many A.F.S.R.S. members in N.S.W. have joined the new group.

The members concerned took this step without previous consultation with H.Q., nor were any specific reasons given, beyond expressing a vague desire to pursue their own policies. The A.F.S.R.S. Constitution gives a State Branch wide scope in organising its domestic affairs, however, and it is difficult to imagine what policies cannot be pursued within the very loose framework of the Constitution.

Under this Constitution, which was originally read to Members at the inaugural meeting of the Society and also published in Vol. 1 No. 1 of the "Record", State Branch Members pay a membership fee of £1/1/-, of which 10/- is paid into Branch funds, 8/- covers the subscription to the "Record", and the remaining 3/- is forwarded to H.Q. to defray administration expenses of the Branch. This helps to cover costs of postage, stationery, etc.

The only restrictions placed on Branch activities are those which apply to all members; these include a clause affirming the allegiance of the Society and its Members to the British Crown.

It must be emphasised that the formation of the new group does NOT affect the status of N.S.W. Members of the A.F.S.R.S. who wish to continue their membership. Also, members of the U.F.O. Investigation Centre may hold membership of the A.F.S.R.S., and vice versa. For the present the N.S.W. Branch Committee is vacant, so that N.S.W. Members come under H.Q. for administrative purposes, as they did before the Branch Committee was formed.

N.S.W. has a stormy history of U.F.O. organization. Readers will recall that the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau bogged down and expired in 1954, leaving its members and contacts in the dark as to what had happened. The A.F.S.R.S. has never had any contact with the A.F.S.B.; however, this Society has spent much time and effort in putting Australia back on the map of the saucer world and recovering the goodwill lost by the demise of the A.F.S.B.

The situation now is that while the A.F.S.R.S. is the only Australia-wide organization, there are local groups also in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Perth, having no affiliation with this Society.

## Q.U.E.E.N.S.L.A.N.D. N.E.W.S.

An old sighting of some 8 years ago has been passed on to us, but is worthy of interest, and is given by a reliable member of Q. group. She says that she was out hanging washing on a line, when she saw a queer object in the sky like a tub, moving along in spurts. She called others from inside to observe it, and they had no idea what it could be. Later when her brother returned from town she told him of it, and he confirmed the incident by saying, too, that many had seen it in the town from which he had come. No one could say what it was, and it was not till many years later when they saw a picture of the F.S. and read about them, they all said that was what we saw.

Coming from so long ago before any such societies existed to tabulate evidence, this is indeed a very interesting case, and the only regret is that more detail was not available from the many who saw it at the time.

Another member records that about in the month of August, she saw through her bedroom window a very bright object "like two balls on top of one another" coming down very close to their house. It seemed as though they were going to land in an empty field which existed then. She awoke her family and they all saw it and watched it, but it came lower and lower and then suddenly shot up high into the morning sky and disappeared.

A very interesting matter is mentioned of a letter received by a member who wrote to a young relative, who is a Radar technician, about her beliefs in F.S., expecting him to deride her, but was greatly and pleasantly surprised to hear him reply to the effect that he urged her to continue on in the study, and said, "they are very real, and we have seen many of them. They come from Venus, not Mars. We are not forbidden to talk about it to one another, but are not permitted to give official news to the papers. The Govt. knows all about them, but they consider the time is not ready for the people to know about them, for they will panic". (Shades of Keyhole and the U.S.A.)-Ed. For many reasons the name of this young man cannot be disclosed but such evidence from the men who see them on their screens is indeed very encouraging and also convincing, but we could like to know how he was so positive they came from Venus, and his reasons for such a statement.

The Queensland Society is known as the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau, and is working in close and happy co-operation with this society.

We hope in our next issue to include an article from its very able President, Mr. H. Middleborough, who we understand is a very fluent speaker, and well read in the Saucer studies.

The Editor has accepted an invitation to speak to this young and thriving Bureau, during the Christmas season.

This above all speaks for the future possibilities of a happy spirit of friendly alliance with each other as Societies each working for the same purpose, whilst following their own chosen path of direction.

It is this same spirit of co-operation we extend to all such similar societies, in our own Commonwealth and overseas, the result of this, has meant that we are now in close contact with Societies all round this earth home of ours.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

from 'Le Courrier Interplanetaire - No. 15 - Easter, 1956.

'Mr. Enrico Bossa, (aged 44) an Italian architect (ex-pilot from the last war) living at present in Caracas (Venezuela) spent a few years in Argentina engaged in architectural work. There he was in the habit of making long excursions by car into the desert country.

During one of those trips an extraordinary event occurred to him.

Here is his story:-

On the 15th May 1950 I travelled alone in my car through the desert land of the Pampas. I made 280 kilometers from Bahia Blanca and I was about 68 degrees west of Greenwich and 37 degrees of latitude south. I was a bit distracted thinking about business and didn't pay much attention to the silvery object on the ground which appeared to the left of the road at a distance of about 300 meters. But approaching nearer and nearer I started to notice the strange details such as portholes and translucent dome. At 50 meters distance I stopped and scrutinized the object from the interior of my car; I could not see any sign of life and it occurred then to me that I may be looking at a crashed plane, the strange form of this thing, however, obviated this idea.

The clouds, when passing and intercepting the sunshine, produced a strange effect on the object.

I left the car and approached closer on foot. Only at a distance of 10 meters I realised finally that I am in front of a Saucer. By an effect of my subconscious I felt suddenly full of joy and with audacious spirit which one acquires in such circumstances I did not hesitate to enter the strange craft when I found that the door was open.

Before entering, however, I examined the object in details. It was about 10 meters in diameter and it was composed of 2 distinct parts, the bottom one in the form of an overturned saucer and the upper one cylindrical and covered on its top by a dome. Above the dome was a strange spherical lantern.

The total height was approximately 4 metres. The portholes, which exact number I did not count were rectangularly shaped with rounded angles. The object was lying on the ground inclined at about 20 degrees and supported by a slight rise of the ground.

The surface of the object had the colour of polished chrome and like in a curved mirror I could see my reflection and the reflection of the sky. It appeared to be lifeless - no noise - no vibrations. The door placed at the foot of the cylindrical tower was open. I expected for a while to have difficulties in climbing over the projecting bell-like bottom part of the saucer, but just in front of the door the surface was unpolished and as rough as emery paper. It occurred to me then that the craft was not new, as the bottom edge of the "bell" was slightly worn. I stepped over the rough surface and I had to duck forward in order to keep my equilibrium as I had to walk about 2 meters to reach the door without any support. I estimated the dimensions of the door to be 1 metre 20 cm. (4 feet) high and 90 cm (3 feet) wide. I put my head in and felt a strong smell of garlic, but I could not see much due to the dimness of the interior; so I jumped in, the floor being about 60 cm. (2 feet) below the door level. The floor, when I fell over gave me the sensation of slowly sinking under my weight.

The cabin, about 2 metres 10 cm. (6'10") high, was perfectly circular and rather dark in colour. Its diameter was about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  meters. Around the walls were rows of portholes. The panes were very thick and appeared to be made of some transparent material like plexi-glass. After a while when my eyes became accustomed to the poor lighting I was able to see the whole shocking spectacle. In the centre of the cabin a man about 1 m. 20 cm. to 1 m. 40 cm. dressed in a grey overall was rigidly sitting in a strange chair. His head with sparse fair hair was bent over his breast; the hands, well-formed, of the colour of tobacco were still gripping two, what appeared to be control handles protruding from a black box. His hairless face had the same colouring as his hands, the nose straight and well-proportioned, his open eyes were large as if extended and glossy.

The proportions of his body, as far as I could estimate, were perfectly human. He was not a dwarf. I touched his arm - it was rigid and cold.

The overall he was wearing fitted tightly around his neck and wrists and appeared puffed up over his shoulders, the material resembling hard leather. The man was in no way attached to his seat.

The black box in front of him looked like a control board with rows of magic eyes. Below the box was a large horizontal band with a vertical needle and on the band itself, were several strange signs. On the right hand side of the man, apparently the pilot, was a circular disc looking just like a switched-off television screen.

There were in the cabin two other men of identical appearance, obviously dead, lying on comfortable divans near the wall. They, as well, were not attached.

Their eyes were open and had a terrified expression, their mouths were half-open and swollen.

But why was the third divan unoccupied? I touched it and it was soft and elastic.

The disappearance of the fourth member of the crew who obviously must have gone out made me feel uneasy. I took note of the locking device for the door in the form of

two rectangular bars placed on the floor and going from the centre of the cabin to both sides of the door. The next thing which drew my attention was the strange transparent sphere just above the previously-mentioned control board. It was about 25 cm. in diameter with a flat ring around it inclined at about 40 degrees to the horizon, the whole thing closely resembling the planet Saturn as it can be seen through the telescope. Was this perhaps an automatic calculator of the latitude.

Looking upwards I noticed that the place where the ceiling joined with the circular wall of the cabin was hidden by a large relief with uniformly distributed rectangular apertures about 20 cm. high and 60 cm. wide. A similar relief ran around the cabin wall at floor level. A glittering lamp on the ceiling emitted white-orange light.

I suddenly realised that the engine was alive and thousands of foolish thoughts passed through my head...then I was seized with a panic and only with the greatest effort was I able to overcome this feeling and restore my calm.

I had a last look at the cabin and went out walking once again over the rough surface. Scarcely on the ground I felt dizzy and only then realised how heavy the air in the cabin was.

I was angry and sorry not having had my camera with me so I decided to go as rapidly as possible to the nearest village "General Acha", about 200 kilometers away, where I expected to find a few friends, who lived there.

I experienced a lot of difficulties in starting my car. The battery was charged, everything in order but the starter would not work and the ignition was also affected. Eventually after several attempts I managed to start and when I went further away

from the craft everything came to normal order again.

In General Acha I met my friends and they agreed to go with me, but because of the late hour we decided to postpone the journey until the next morning.

We started the trip to the spot where I left the saucer just at sunrise but due to a violent storm we arrived there only at 12.45. p.m. but equipped with a Kodak Retina 2. We looked for the craft but could not find it.

Suddenly our attention was drawn to a mound of reddish ashes about 2 metres high and 5 metres in diameter, which was exactly on the spot I remembered so well. The ashes were slightly smoking and when I touched them I noticed that their temperature was about 40 centigrade degrees. And then one of us lifted his eyes to the sky and saw a saucer. We estimated its height to be about 600 metres. I immediately took a photo, just when it started to rise. Then above this craft we saw another one and again above it we could see quite distinctly a stationary "cigar". The two saucers climbed diagonally in the direction of the cigar inclined during their climb in the direction of their motion and changing colour from silvery to red.

In a few seconds they joined the cigar in which they disappeared. At the same moment the space ship in a terrific burst of acceleration acquired speed, which we estimated at about 12000 kilometres per hour and disappeared.

Caracas, 1st. November, 1955.

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The story of the landing of a U.F.O. in Puy-St Guinier (France) on 31st May 1955, as reported by the witness, a farmer, M. Collange.

This story appeared in "Le Courrier Interplanetaire", 1.12.'55, and was investigated by Marc Thirouin, director of "Curanos".

"It was about 11 a.m. I was on my land watching the cattle. The day was very clear, blue skies and no clouds. The sun was quite high, at this moment, in S./S.E....

Suddenly, when turning east I saw a luminous circular object at a distance of about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 metres (3 yards) from me. The object was immobile, its lower edge about 30 cm. (1 foot) from the ground.

It appeared to be about 1 meter to 1, 2 meters in diameter (3ft. 9ins. to 4 ft.), a very bright white surface but not dazzling.

The object was surrounded by a multitude of a sort of bristles of varying lengths, from 50 cm. to 2 meters (20 inches to 6ft. 6 ins.), each of the thickness of a finger, forming around the object a sort of filament coloured white, yellowish and blue.

The bristles quivered around the object and the grass swayed violently when touched. The white bristles looked like steel rods. I withdrew a few steps from this apparition but when I looked back I noticed that the object kept pace with me, being always at the same distance, i.e.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 meters. We did so for about 20 meters. I then stopped, turned and asked: What do you want to do? I received no answer, so I raised my stick and went at the "thing". It moved backwards keeping still the same distance. I tried to get around it to see the other side of it but it was useless, as the "thing" kept turning together with me and was showing all the time the same side.

In this manner we made about 50 metres and I stopped but the "thing" continued to move until it had put between us a distance of approximately 50 metres. It then stopped. After a while it started moving again gaining the height of about 1 metre.



It passed just above the fence and moved away in the easterly direction. I followed the object with my eyes for about 700 - 800 meters until it passed over a wood and disappeared from sight.

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#### COURTESY AND INTEGRITY, PLEASE

Following repeated cases of flagrant breaches of confidence given in private correspondence to other leaders, and publishers of F.S. magazines, mainly being used to bolster up cases or sales of books written by them, as the leader of this Society, and Editor of this magazine I state that I will be forced to curtail or cease communicating to those who have so broken the bounds of decency and any confidential matter will not be given in future correspondence, unless it is treated as such.

It is revolting to find that private letter matter has been openly used without permission, and in some cases matter so given has been grossly exaggerated and distorted.

The most outstanding case being that used in Gray Barker's book, "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", who, despite requests before he published it, by me, used material without my permission to do so, and exaggerated such beyond description.

However, my case is softened by the fact that I was not the only one so treated, as many others quoted in this book also affirm that likewise material used was without their knowledge, and now the latest is quoted in Moseley's "Saucer News" latest edition that the man named "Smallwood" in the book, and whose real name is Lamon Mitris of Quebec, also says he was a victim of such unethical treatment, and that the account was written without his permission.

To what depths does one have to go to get publicity for whilst Barker's case is the most flagrant, other writers and editors have also misquoted and used confidential matter.

All this makes us value all the more those very fine friends we have found among our associates who have and still honour all private correspondence, and who seek permission before quoting such, but if you still desire to receive our co-operation and service please in future those who have offended stick to the true facts given, and above all don't quote me on personal opinions expressed without my authority.

- FRED STONE. EDITOR.

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WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWS FLASH! OCTOBER 24th 1956 +++++  
FIREBALL SEEN OVER TUART HILL.

A fireball was seen early today by residents of Tuart Hill, Sth. Guildford. and Osborne Pk.

Residents report seeing a strange object, cylindrical, and silver, pass overhead with sparks streaming from the rear, at about 7.52 a.m. Another man said it had a trail of smoke behind.

It seemed to have a tilt of about 45 degrees towards the earth and was headed towards the sea.

By noon the Govt. Astronomer had received a number of reports of the same object, and he said it was unusual for a fireball to be seen so bright in the daylight.

Report by Courtesy of the Perth U.F.O Society.

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o IS THERE A PATTERN IN SIGHTING REPORTS? o  
o By David Caldbeck o  
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In Project Bluebook Special Report No. 14, released by the U.S. Air Force in October 1955, twelve sightings were selected and published in detail with sketches. It was implied that these were the twelve best sightings of the period covered by the Report, and were used as the basis of an attempt to derive a model of a typical "flying saucer".

One could be excused for looking a little dazed after glancing through the illustrations of these "twelve best sightings" with the idea of deriving some sort of pattern. The sketches might well illustrate objects seen in a narcotic nightmare. Two have some resemblance to conventional aircraft; one looks like Jules Verne's "Nautilus"; two are, vaguely, oval; two are pillbox-shaped; one, round with a projection; two, domed; and two have meaningless shapes and equally meaningless markings.

Obviously there is no sort of pattern evident here. The objects are - well, just objects. It is difficult to understand why they were chosen as the twelve best; or why anyone should waste his time trying to find a pattern where none exists. The whole thing looks like an elaborate and rather tasteless joke.

Major D. Keyhoe, in a letter to Senator H. Byrd, dated 3rd. April 1956, wrote: "..... Why did Secretary Quarles and certain Air Force officers state in Special Report 14 that no pattern had been found.... when in December 1949 the ATIC Project Grudge Report stated that the majority of reports described a disc-shaped object about one-tenth as thick as its diameter?" Obviously Major Keyhoe does not regard the Bluebook Report as a joke.

Project Bluebook, then, fails to give us any idea of what a typical "flying saucer" looks like. Perhaps we shall be more successful if we scan the hundreds of world-wide sightings since December 1952, which is the date of the most recent of the "Best 12". (Yet the report was released in October 1955.) A study of the available eye-witness descriptions yields a great mass of general detail; and if many of these people observed the same class of object, there should be a number of common factors of detail in the descriptions.

However certain conditions must be fulfilled. First, only those sightings which are believed to be above suspicion as to authenticity may be used. For example, any suggest-

ion that saucers are doughnut-shaped, based on the Maury Island case, must be rejected; a doughnut-shape can only be considered if such a shape is reported by an independent, unimpeachable source.

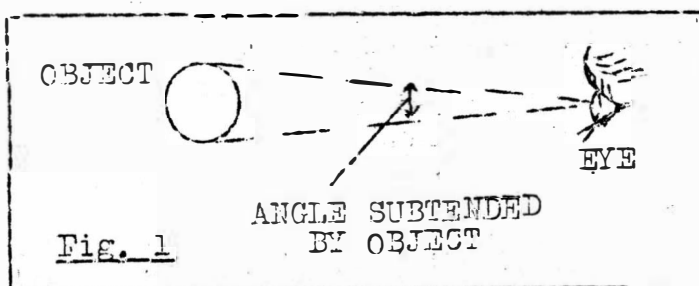
Second, for this purpose, only those eye-witness reports can be used where it is established that the object was close enough for details to be observed accurately; preferably the distance should be less than one mile.

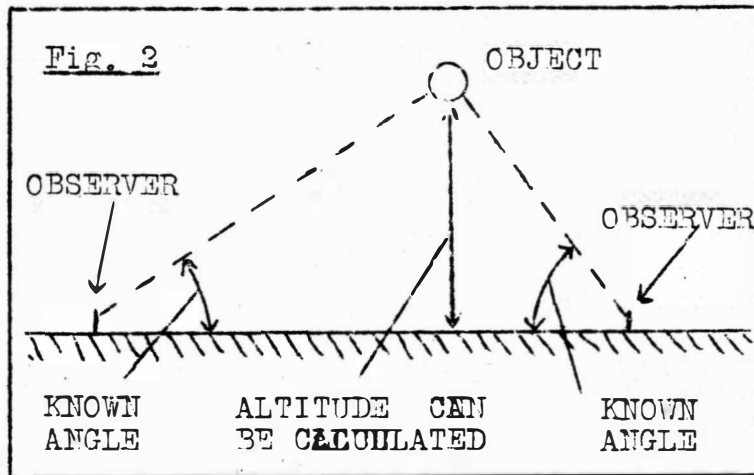
Third, a report must be rejected where there is obvious contradiction between details given, or between different observers where there is more than one; or where there are unjustified assertions. For instance, if an object is reported by one observer to be like a bright light moving rapidly northwards, and simultaneously by another to be cigar-shaped, with rows of portholes, and moving vertically, something is wrong somewhere. Unless one of the reports can be established as mistaken, the case must be shelved.

The other difficulty, where unjustified assertions are made, is a real headache. It is sometimes impossible to convince an observer that the human eye cannot resolve details below a certain size, which for the average person is limited to one-fifth of a second of arc (this is the angle which the object subtends at the eye - see Fig. 1). In the classical case of Kenneth Arnold's sighting in 1947, his estimate of 45 to 50 feet in length was unjustified since his estimate of the distance (20 - 25 miles) was probably correct. At this distance, an object only

50 feet in diameter would be unrecognisable to the naked eye. Thus the objects which Arnold saw were probably at least 250 feet in diameter.

A similar case is where an unknown object is reported at an altitude of, say, 20,000 feet in a clear sky. It cannot be stressed too strongly that such an estimate is absolutely meaningless when there is no way of establishing the altitude or distance by triangulation (Fig. 2), or by reference to a cloud layer, geographical feature, etc., of known altitude or distance. Likewise the size of an object can only be given in terms of the angle subtended at the eye (see Fig. 1), which is most easily done by comparison with, say, the moon, or with an article or a finger tip held at arm's length. Any estimate of the size of an unknown object in units of length must be rejected unless the distance is known





at least approximately, and vice versa. Subjective estimates of size, such as "The size of an orange", or "The size of a dinner plate", etc., must be completely rejected, particularly since a person who uses a subjective form of expression of this type is usually incapable of giving

objective details. In this connection, the palm must be presented to an observer who reported an object at an altitude of 45 - 50,000 feet, and said it was the size of a doughnut.

Using the foregoing principles of selection, we can now go through the more detailed of the hundreds of reports available and seek a pattern.

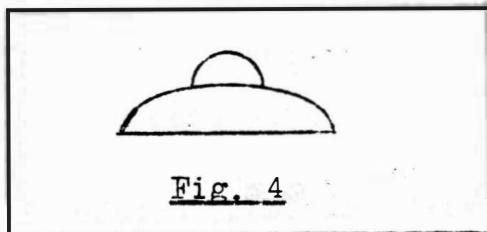
It soon becomes evident that many reports refer to a circular object with a dome on top. Here are some of the descriptions:

"It consisted of a dome over a saucer" (sketch, Fig. 3; Ranton, England, 21st. October 1954, from "Flying Saucer News", England, Winter 1954/55).

"Looked like a discus with a hump in the middle" (Sweden, January 1954, from "Report on U.F.C.", p. 308).

"A saucer shaped object.... it had a turret on the top....." (Bristol Channel, England, July 1954, from "Flying Saucer News", England, Summer 1954).

"Shaped like a disc, slightly elevated in the middle....." (Bristol Channel, England, exact date unknown, from "Australian Saucer Record", Vol. 2 No. 2).



"Flat on one side and oval on the other, on the oval side appeared a hump in the centre, of a darker shade....." (sketch, Fig. 4; Nelson, N.Z., 19th. March 1954, from "Flying Saucers", Vol. 2 No. 1).

"He described it as like an upturned saucer with a bell -

shaped dome on top" (Hobsonville, N.Z., 10th. June 1956, from "Flying Saucer Review", England, Vol. 2 No. 4).

An object seen by three boys appeared as shown in Fig. 5, according to their description (Sheffield, England, April 1953, from "Flying Saucers and Commonsense", p. 85).

"It was dome-shaped with a flange, and another dome underneath it" (England, October 1954; from "Illustrated", London, 12th. February 1955).



Fig. 5

"A silvery sphere, surrounded by a flat flange....." (Tintinara, Australia, 22nd. April 1955, from "Australian Saucer Record", Vol. 1 No. 2).

"It looked like a colossal poached egg with an unusually large yolk" (Melbourne, Australia, 9th. February 1955, from Adelaide "News", 10th. February 1955).

"It seemed to have bevelled edges, and was shaped like a cup upside down on a saucer" (Eccles, England, 13th. August 1956, from Manchester "Evening Chronicle", 14th. August 1956).

Project Bluebook has nothing to say about any of these incidents because (a) they all happened since April 1953, which is later than the period covered by the already obsolete report; and (b) none of them happened in the U.S.A. Yet these eleven reports alone reveal quite a definite pattern. All the descriptions could apply to the type of "saucer" sketched in Fig. 6. The only serious discrepancy is

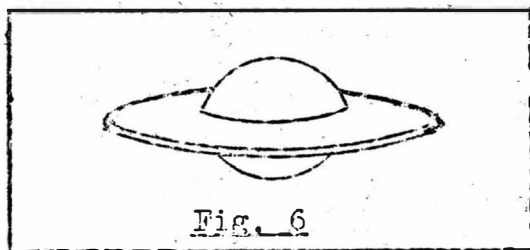


Fig. 6

that in some cases a dome or a projection is shown below the flange, and in others this is omitted. The omission however could be due to faulty observation or to the fact that only the upper surface was seen.

Alternatively, the projection below the flange could be due to faulty or mistaken observation when it did not, in fact, exist. In this case, the "typical saucer" could have the appearance of Fig. 3 or Fig. 4 in this respect.

Can we pursue the investigation a step further and add a few more details to the simple outline? Well, let us consider three more descriptions.

"The rays or beams of light could be seen distinctly from the dome, and attached beneath it was a much larger and flattened dome with a protruding band running in a circumference around its edge" (Norwich, England, October 1953,

from "Flying Saucers and Commonsense", p. 95).

"I made out the shape of a dome..... behind it I could make out the elliptical shape of a silvery metal background. The object itself was almost on edge to me and standing vertically in the sky..... until the rear or underside was turned fully to me. It made a disc about as large as a full moon....." (Betley, England, 15th. August 1955, from "Flying Saucer News", England, Spring 1956). A sketch made from the witness's description of the object appears in Fig. 7.

"It was a solid metal like thing, with a dome, port-holes, and three bumps or landing domes underneath" (Coniston, England, 15th. February 1954, from "Space, Gravity, and the Flying Saucer", p. 14).

The reader who has stayed with me thus far will at once recognise a general similarity of the objects in the last three cases to Adamski's "Scout Ship". In fact, Adamski's photographs could very well illustrate any of them. There have been many other cases where "Adamski-type" U.F.O.'s have been reported, but these three reports from England serve to suggest that what Adamski photographed may have appeared elsewhere.

A case may also be made out for the existence of a definite class of cigar-shaped U.F.C. Apart from Adamski's photographs, these have been reported many times. However, fewer reliable, detailed descriptions are available. In many cases, too, there is some doubt as to whether the cigar-shape is not merely that of a discoid object seen edge-on. None the less, some research along these lines might be rewarding.

To return to the general class shown in Fig. 6, it would be very well worth while if researchers were to concentrate on a minute investigation of all available reports which seem to fall into this category, eliminating those which are doubtful and investigating the rest with the aim of extracting as much accurate detail as possible.

This cannot, of course, be done by remote control, so it is necessary for on-the-spot investigators to interview the persons concerned. A heavy responsibility naturally rests upon them to pass on to others nothing but accurate objective facts, with question-marks honestly inserted at any points in the report where the accuracy is doubtful, or where a mistaken observation may have been made.

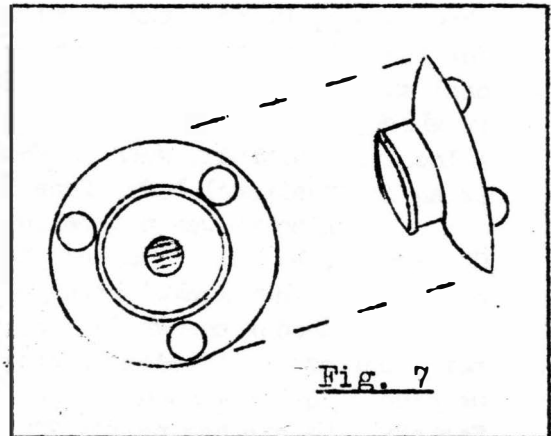


Fig. 7



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From Gray Barker's Saucerian Bulletin.

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INSIDE STORY OF DR. H. PERCY WILKINS. Noted Lunar Astronomer.

In the last issue we hinted that he had broken away from the other "authorities" in England who didn't like his reporting of what he actually saw on the Moon. Here is his latest letter to the "Saucerian".

"First let me say that we would welcome you and your friends into this Society.

Because of opposition to my views I resigned from the British Astronomical Association. I have seen quite a number of things on the moon, such as glows and apparently formations in regions I am familiar with. The best of it is that I have used very large telescopes, including the 33 inch refractor at Meudon Observatory, France, the third largest refractor in the world. It was not possible for the critics to do much in face of this, but they concentrated on bitter personal and spiteful reviews of my books, especially the "Mysteries of Space and Time" in which the views are set out. In any case such things as the Lunar section of a localised society, such as the B.A.A. are now largely outmoded. What is wanted is an International body, free from petty spite and jealousy.

Also it was not believed that I saw the two U.F.O. while in the U.S.A. at Charleston, W. Va. I believe they were natural things and possibly of a military nature, but they looked strange and are reported in the book I have mentioned. I was not orthodox enough for the older people of the Council of the Association, but I believe in freedom of expression and the right of everybody to report what he sees. So I resigned and now have plenty to do in the formation of this new Society. We are now nearly 200 strong, and include many professionals from different angles, and amateurs are also included. In the Journal we will report what has been seen regardless of the status of the author or whether it is orthodox or not. In fact the TRUTH at last."

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We welcome such a stand by a man of such academic standing, and although he may not subscribe to the popular belief in saucers, he will no doubt add much to our knowledge of what is going on in the dark craters of the Moon. You carry our best wishes, Dr. Wilkins.

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ADELAIDE TRUTH. SAT. SEPT. 29th, 1956.

#### "LIGHTS IN THE SKY MYSTERY"

#### ATOM CHIEF'S DENIAL OF CONNECTION.

A strong denial that a Sth. Aust. Police Officer's reports of mysterious scarlet lights seen in the sky over the northern desert could be connected with the delayed atomic tests was made by Sir William Penny, Director of British Atomic Research, in an exclusive interview conducted on a Security telephone. The strange lights which ascended from the ground in a mushroom shape extended in a pattern of an atomic cloud. This denial followed a wave of rumours in Nthn. S.A. towns that the bomb had been exploded. First reports of baffling appearance of the lights were from Port Pirie, about 300 miles from Maralinga.

Among those interviewed was Const. K.M. Burt. He says, "I was on duty at 5.20 a.m. on Sept. 11th and looking over Spencer's Gulf I saw a bright red flash light the sky in the N.W. It rose to the sky like an electric globe in shape, it was rosy pink, and shed a bright light on the clouds. For more than a quarter of an hour the sky was illuminated and there were two distinct flashes. The first about five minutes before the other, and they lasted about a minute each.

"After the red glow a light appeared on top of the clouds. It was like seeing the reflection of a big city in the clouds."

Two other men who were interviewed were Mr. G. Travers and Mr. Ron Hutton. Travers confirmed Const. Burt's statement and Mr. Hutton said "I heard Const. Burt sing out 'There she goes' and I looked up to see a fantastic glow in the sky, and we asked each other what it could be".

In his first statement to the press Sir W. Penny denied that the flashes had anything to do with the much delayed Maralinga tests. He did however ask for the full text of the Constable's report, but did not comment further. When asked if there was a possibility of the light originating from the Woomera rocket range, he replied that in that event he would not necessarily have been advised of the cause.

#### FLASH NEWS

The Edinburgh Air Field in Sth. Aust. is being built up as the main base for Britain's hydrogen bomb tests early next year off Christmas Island in the Pacific. (Advertiser, 2nd Oct. '56).

Ed.-This will be of interest to those who have read G. King's Cosmic News of late..

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